

Labor Extends Fraternal Welcome to Rodeo



The English Anti-Combination Act of 1800 made it a criminal offense for laborers to combine together in order to raise their wages or improve their conditions.

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THE UNITED STATES HAS NEARLY 6,000,000 FARMS, COVERING 1,100,000,000 ACRES.

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Plumbing Union Chief Tells Of Apprenticeship Programs

By DAN MACDONALD, Secretary, California Pipe Trades Council (EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was prepared by Dan MacDonald, California Pipe Trades Council secretary and also business manager of San Jose Plumbers Union 393, and is a general discussion of apprenticeship training in this craft.)

"It's a real pleasure to discuss. Organized Labor's interest in apprenticeship training, and the advantages to be obtained from an indentured apprenticeship served under strict Apprenticeship Standards, speaking as a representative of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, who pioneered the establishments of apprentice training classes in California, and who through the years have continued in their efforts to not only improve but bring about uniformity in apprenticeship training, and finally were successful in the development of uniform standards that were adopted and signed by the California State Apprenticeship Council.

"The industry also collaborated with the Bureau of Trades and Industrial Education in preparing a course outline that would modernize our teaching methods and make available to instructors a uniform selection of textbooks, to be used for the training of apprentices. Many of the other industries have set up over-all joint apprenticeship committees on a state level and are making a determined effort to establish uniform standards for the training of apprentices comparable to those in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry.

Through this type of training, the Apprentice of today will be the skilled mechanic of tomorrow, and will be able to follow his trade, not only in the community in which he served his apprenticeship but throughout the entire State, and will be able to render competent service to the general public. Only by this type of training, under the direct supervision of an apprentice committee, representing both management and labor, can we hope to meet the needs of industry in the development of competent and highly skilled mechanics.

"The willingness on the part of management to set down with the representatives of Organized Labor and discuss apprenticeship problems have brought Labor and Management closer than ever before, and have done more than anything else to establish harmonious labor relations.

"On behalf of Labor, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to representatives of State and Federal Government on Apprenticeship Training, and to the San Jose School Department for their willingness to cooperate at all times carrying out our program.

"To the mothers and fathers of prospective applicants for apprentice training, please note that there are as many opportunities for success in the trades represented by our apprentice program as there are in the so-called white collar jobs."

Unions, Weber Reach Accord

Several years of effort apparently came to an end last week as an agreement between Salinas building trades unions and S. L. Weber, appliance store operator and builder, and the AFL Co-ordinating Committee of building unions was reached, union officials report.

Weber appeared before the committee and talked over problems last week, finally agreeing to hire union craftsmen henceforth and also agreeing to post a cash bond to abide by union agreements, according to Carl Lara, committee secretary.

Smoke House At Hollister Is Now Union

The Hollister Smoke House, operated by Nick Kullsh, is now fully union with contracts covering bartenders and culinary workers through the Local Executive Board of Bartenders Union 577 and Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas. A. J. Clark, secretary of the joint board, and Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Local 467 are pressing an organizing campaign in the Hollister area. The Smoke House has been under contract with Local 577 for some time but has just signed with the culinary alliance, Clark added.

Kiddies Klub Program Set For Saturday

Fourth of the series of semi-monthly Saturday movie shows and entertainments for the Kiddies Klub of Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas will be at 10 a. m. Saturday (June 18) at the Salinas High School Auditorium.

All youngsters in the Salinas area are urged to attend to enjoy a feature western show plus selected short subjects, along with "surprises" which will be of interest.

There is no charge for admission and members are enrolled in the Kiddies Klub by signing a behavior pledge. Membership entitles the youngsters to participate in special events conducted by the Kiddies Klub.

The bicycle donated to the youngsters club will be given away at the following show, on Saturday, July 2, it was announced.

There were some 550 kiddies at the free shows on Saturday, June 4, and attendance has shown a steady increase since the programs were started on May 7, according to Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890.

KARMEI-KORN FACES UNION PICKET LINE

If efforts of a state labor conciliator, Thomas Nicolopolus, are fruitless, the Karmel-Korn Shop and lunch counter in downtown Monterey may be picketed by Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 because of refusal to sign the union's standard-form agreement, according to George L. Rice, union secretary.

Negotiations reached a stalemate last week when union officials rejected a suggestion from R. W. Norton, employer representative, that the firm be allowed to sign an "open shop" agreement, Rice said, adding that the standard-form agreements are all contract "union-shop" provisions.

Strike sanction has been received against the Karmel-Korn shop and lunch counter from the Central Labor Council in Monterey, Rice added, but union action has been delayed at request of Nicolopolus that the State Conciliation Service might be able to negotiate a settlement. Karmel-Korn operators are Edwin and Melvin Eisenberger.

Two new houses signed by Local 483 last week were Mac's Good Eats, at 302 Alvarado St., Monterey, and the 17 Mile Drive Coffee Shop in Pacific Grove, Rice said.

Here Are Your Representatives

(Use home address when Legislature or Congress is in recess.)

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House Office Building
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Home: 549 Hillcrest Ave.
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Sacramento, Calif.
Home: 22 Hawthorne St.
Salinas, Calif.

Assemblyman James W. Sullman
The State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif.
Home: 236 Hawthorne St.
Salinas, Calif.

Painters Begin Annual Ballot; Work Picks Up

Annual election for Painters Union 1104 will be started at this week's nomination meeting in Salinas and the election itself is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, June 28, according to Carl Lara, secretary and business agent for the union.

Lara urged a good turnout of members for the election, pointing out that the only way an official has to know the wishes of the membership is through reactions at election time.

In a resume of work conditions and progress in the area, Lara said employment for union painters is showing a slight gain and that the outlook is bright.

Local 1104 has received praise and thanks of the Salinas Paint-Up, Clean-Up and Fix-Up Committee for donation of work to paint a civic building during the recent campaign here, Lara said. The committee, of which Lara is a member, is already making plans for next year's clean-up drive.

Negotiations for a new agreement between painting contractors and Local 1104 continued in deadlock last week as no meeting was scheduled to consider points at issue, it was announced.

General conditions as reported by Lara include:

Work on the new city swimming pool in Sherwood Park is nearly completed. Tri-Cities Painting Service of Monterey did the painting and Don McWilliams, of Salinas, the glass and glazing, both scheduled to be completed late this week.

Pete Winters, Salinas painting contractor, is nearly completed with the hospital addition.

Five more painters have been called by Sulbery Painting Co. to finish the new Castroville School project.

Two out-of-city firms are repainting service stations in Salinas, Webb Painting Co. of Oakland is doing Texaco stations and LaBarger Co. of San Francisco is doing Standard stations.

MONTEREY CLC PLANS KIDDIE SHOWS THERE

Spurred by success of the Teamsters' Union 890 Kiddie Club shows in Salinas, a twice-a-month feature for youngsters of the Salinas area, the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council has named a special committee to investigate the feasibility of similar shows in Monterey.

Named head of this committee is J. Sinkey, member of Teamsters' Union 890, who resides in Monterey. He will contact officials in an effort to get permission for use of the high school auditorium and will report to the council on projected costs of the shows, according to George L. Rice, acting secretary of the labor council for summer months in absence of Secretary Wayne Edwards, on vacation.

MORE LABORERS FOR PG&E JOB

A call for more laborers for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam generating plant project at Moss Landing was filled by Laborers Union 272 of Salinas last week, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent, bringing the number of union laborers on this job to more than 125.

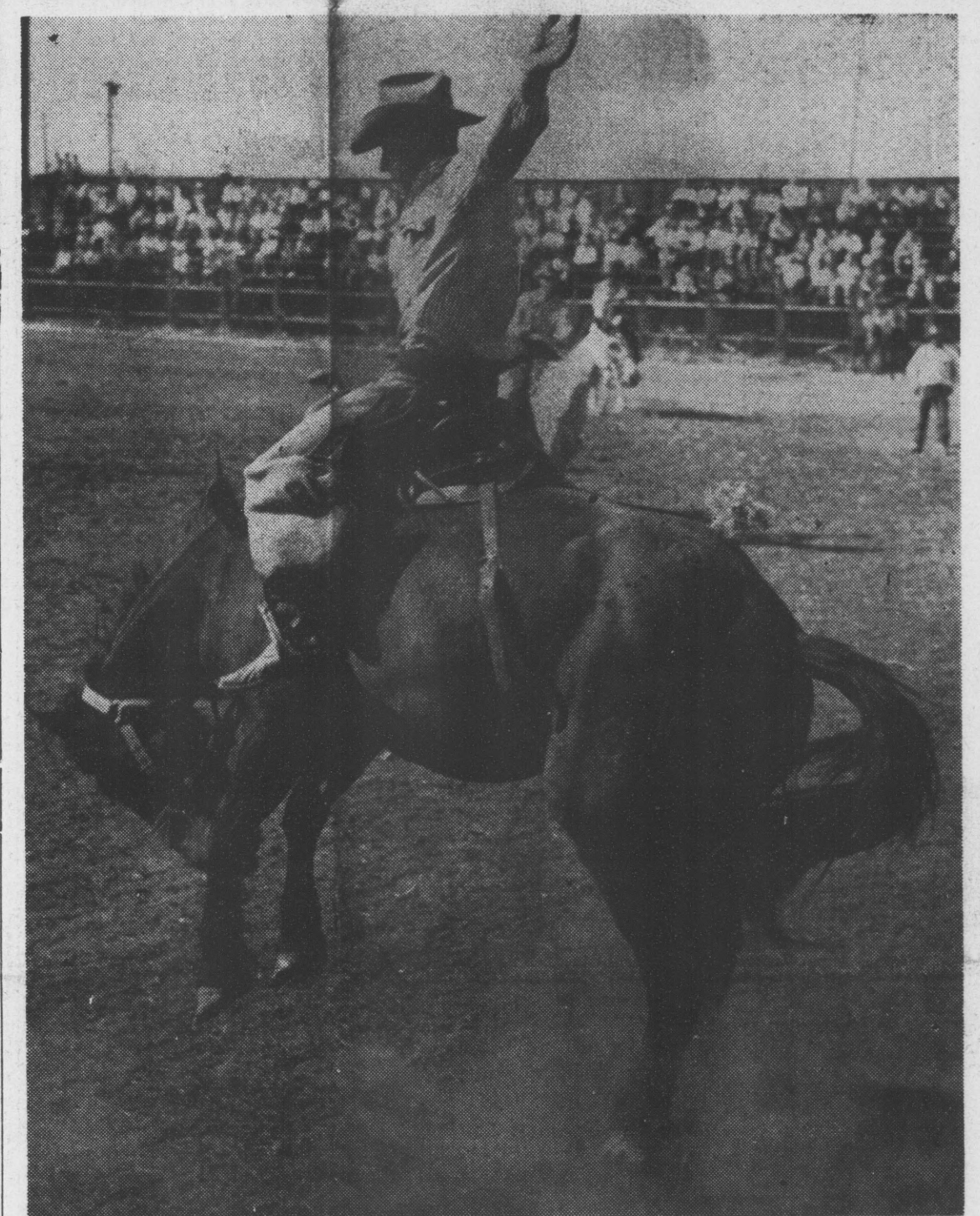
McGinley reported also: Plans have been announced for a concrete warehouse building for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in the industrial tract; contractor not yet named.

Four laborers were called to the site of the new Purity Store in Salinas for the start of the construction; Younger Bros. of San Francisco, contractor.

Bechtel Pipe Line Construction Co. of San Francisco is expected to start laying a new line from near Hollister to San Jose, a call for men expected this week.

Attentive Driving
Sightseeing as you drive makes the trip worth while, but not at the expense of traffic safety. Don't let the scenery distract your attention from your main job, safe driving.

Centennial Theme Marks 33rd Rodeo



"Let 'er Buck!"

Organized labor of the district is taking a big part in the celebration of this year's 33rd historic Salinas Rodeo — whether it be in the hard work that has to be done during the four crowded days or in extending fraternal greetings to those union members from other areas who will flock into the city by the thousands.

The union label, shop card and button will be looked for by these visiting union members when they come to town. It's an old Spanish custom they've developed, and it isn't forgotten during playtime because they realize many must work while others play, and if it's under union conditions, then everybody's happy.

It promises to be the biggest round-up of western folk since the three-year series of centennial events got under way, and it will likely be the opening gun for a really big time celebration throughout California during the remainder of the centennial period. The state has been slow to wake up to its hundred-year significance, and the Salinas Rodeo, with its traditional vigor, will probably set the pace for the rest of California.

To all those visiting unionists who know and love rodeo time in Salinas and will be there this year to help celebrate, the Labor Journal takes this opportunity of extending the warmest fraternal greetings and welcome on behalf of the several thousand AFL union members of Monterey County.

Boys To Be Sent To Camp Sought

Steps were being taken by a special committee of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County last week to find boys deserving of a week in the summer camp of the Salinas Optimist Club, at Arroyo Seco in July, according to Council Secretary W. G. Kenyon.

Anyone wishing to recommend any boy for the camp should contact any committee member, Geo. R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters Union 925; Albert S. Everly, business agent of Plumbers Union 503; or Roy Hearn, member of Painters Union 1104.

The local council as well as several local unions will pay costs of a week at camp for several underprivileged youths between ages of 12 and 15.

Local Men Use Of Chain Firm Draws Praise

A radio announcement quoting management of Sears, Roebuck & Co. store in Salinas that local contractors and local men will be engaged, insofar as possible, on a new warehouse project last week drew the praise of Carl Lara, secretary of the Salinas AFL co-ordinating committee of building trades unions.

Sears is planning a large concrete warehouse in the industrial area, Lara said, and announced prospective use of local people rather than import men and builders from other areas, as do so many chain firms and businesses. Lara said other firms might do well to live up to the slogan: "It's good business to do business in Salinas!"

Electricians Seek New Pact For Salinas

Negotiations for a new working agreement and wage scale between electrical contractors and Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas have been underway for some time, with good results, according to Karl Ozols, secretary and business agent of the union.

Portions of the contract upon which mutual agreement have been reached have been sent to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for approval, Ozols said.

Settlement of the full agreement is expected at this week's negotiation meeting, Ozols added.

Electrical Workers Union 243 has 56 men on the Stone & Webster project of erecting a steam generating plant for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Moss Landing, Business Agent Karl Ozols reports.

No further call for men on this project is expected before mid-July, he said.

With the county hospital addition nearly completed, only one electrician is working on this job now, it was announced.

Laborers 690 Re-elect All Key Officers

Incumbents were returned to office by Laborers Union 690 at last week's annual election meeting which was followed by a short party at the meeting hall, according to S. M. Thomas, business agent.

Officers for the new term include: President—Perry Luce. Vice President—William Gearhart. Secretary—Karl Plapp. Financial Secretary and Business Agent—S. M. Thomas. Sgt.-at-Arms—W. E. Wheeler. Trustees—L. A. Casotti, George Kavanaugh and Louis Lang.

PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES.

ELECTION SET FOR JULY 5TH BY BARTENDERS

New officers will be elected by secret ballot by members of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey on Tuesday, July 5, with polls established at the union's headquarters, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, and open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nominations were to be completed at this week's meeting (Wednesday) and ballots will be printed at once for the election, Secretary George L. Rice, reported.

Members not to be in Monterey on election day may get absentee ballots at the union office but the absentee ballots must be in by night of the election to be counted.

Newly-elected officers will be installed at the union's regular meeting on Wednesday, July 6.

End of the Jeepster Contest of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey has been designated as Monday, July 4, when the contest winner will be presented with the car.

Secretary George L. Rice of the union points out that there still is time for members to take an active part in the contest. Contact the union office if interested.

Sub-Contractor List Announced On School Jobs

List of sub-contractors on two major school projects within jurisdiction of Salinas unions was announced last week by Carl Lara, secretary of the Salinas AFL Co-ordinating Committee, representing building trades unions in that area.

The jobs and contractors include: SAUSAL JUNIOR HS SCHOOL, in Alisal district of Salinas, Vern R. Huck, of Salinas, general contractor.

Folz Roofing Co., Salinas; Louis Electric Co., Salinas; D. C. Cummins Co., Monterey (hardwood and linoleum); Brookman Co., San Francisco (awnings, sash, hardware); Fuller Co., San Francisco (glass and glazing); Ralph Powell, Salinas (plastering); George Augusta, Salinas (macadam); Worley Co., San Francisco (metal lockers and sash); Price Building Specialties Co., San Francisco (metal partitions); Weathershield Painting Co., Salinas; Don Early Inc., Salinas (plumbing, sheetmetal, heating); San Jose Steel Co.; San Jose; Henny Bros., San Francisco (shades); Son-Net Co., San Francisco (black and cork boards); Malvina Tile Co., San Jose; Hermann Safe Co., San Francisco (valut door); William Ray, Salinas (brick work).

GREENFIELD SCHOOL additions, Fremont Construction Co., of Castroville, general contractor.

Smith & Crabtree, Santa Cruz (plastering); Caligan & Oxs, San Luis Obispo (electrical work); Robles Concrete & Grading Co., King City; Storm & Pool, Salinas (flooring and linoleum); David Hamilton, Salinas (painting); Son-Net Co., San Francisco (black and cork boards); Louis Service & Supply Co., Salinas (plumbing); Grant Steel Co., San Francisco.

Building Code For County Area To Get Hearing

Plans for a special hearing on a proposed uniform building code, plumbing code, gas code and electrical code covering unincorporated areas of Monterey County were announced last week by E. W. Munson, secretary of the Building Code Committee of the county health department.

A public hearing on the proposed code, copies of which have been sent union officials, has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, July 1, in the county supervisors' chambers of the county house.

Water Main Job Starts

Union laborers, engineers, teamsters and carpenters started work last week on a water main project on Del Monte Ave., in Monterey, a 10-inch main to serve the Del Monte and Oak Grove districts, according to S. M. Thomas, secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690. Twenty-five men were included in the call for this job, he added. Contractor is Underground Construction Co. of Oakland.

Nominations Depict Close Carp. Election

First nominations were accepted by Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas last week with nearly every post contested and with all indications of a spirited and close election at the next meeting, Tuesday, June 21, when final nominations will be accepted and balloting completed.

Business Agent George R. Harter said the list of nominees was greatest in years, but added that some candidates may decline to run and the list may be shortened somewhat.

Nominations included: For President — Tom Mill (incumbent) and H. Nelson.

For Vice President — G. Frost, J. Stevens, Bill Barr and Ed Darling.

For Recording Secretary — A. O. Miller (incumbent).

For Treasurer — O. Little (incumbent).

For Financial Secretary and Business Agent — George R. Harter (incumbent), Tom Mill, Harvey Baldwin and Carl Helmslo.

For Warden — Jess Stephens and Bill Barr.

For Conductor — Harry Mason, D. Phillips, Carl Helmslo and Bill Barr.

For Trustee — Gus Nelson.

Business Agent George Harter of Carpenters Union 925 was called to Sacramento last week to participate in further negotiations for a contract with the Associated General Contractors covering carpenters in 42 Northern California counties.

He reports that there was little progress in this meeting, but that officials hope for some favorable action at the meeting at San Jose this week.

Floyd Bassett, member of Local 925, is recovering from injuries suffered while working at the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing. He is expected to return to work shortly.

New third quarter working cards for members of Carpenters Union 925 have arrived and are at the office of the union. Members may get their new cards by paying July dues. It is necessary that all members have paid dues and carry these new cards by July 15.

Carpenters Union 925 will send three underprivileged local boys to the Optimist Club's Boys Camp in Arroyo Seco this summer. Members who may know of any boy who wants a summer camping trip of one week, but who cannot afford to go, should inform the union. Names of the boys are being selected now.

Carpenters 1323 To Elect Monday

Annual election of officers of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey will be held Monday, June 20, at the union's regular meeting in Bartenders Hall, Monterey.

Incumbents were nominated generally without opposition at the first nomination meeting last week. List of nominees was not available for publication.

Extra Hospital Facilities Set For P. G. & E. Men

Following injury of a Salinas man recently on the Moss Landing project for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and his removal to Monterey for treatment, union officials requested and received assurances that closer hospitals will be designated to serve accident victims on this big job.

Injured was Floyd Bassett, a carpenter, who was struck when a heavy timber fell from atop of an 8-ft. scaffolding. Bassett was given first aid and then taken to a Monterey hospital, from where his wife was called, according to George R. Harter, Carpenters Union 925 business agent.

Harter adds that contracts with the company and builders have resulted in the naming of hospitals in Watsonville and Salinas to handle such cases henceforth. Local doctors have been designated also, Harter added.

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WILL DEMOCRATS DELIVER?

Since the Democratic Party has failed, up to the present time, to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, which was one of the outstanding pledges that put them back in control of both houses and re-elected Truman as President, it is not surprising that many of the leading Democrats are pointing out to the rest of them that it would indeed be a fatal blunder on their part to adjourn without doing something about the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

They are right. It would be an unpardonable blunder to do nothing, but it is an open question if it would not be equally fatal to substitute for the Taft-Hartley law any other law with a different name but with any of the features of the Taft-Hartley law wrapped up in it.

One of the very worst features of the Taft-Hartley law is the reviving of the use of court injunctions to enable anti-labor judges to end strikes by court orders that enjoin workers not only from continuing their strike but summarily ordering them to go back to work. Any law, which thus legalizes the use of injunctions in labor disputes, is the Taft-Hartley law over again and if there are Democrats in Congress so dumb that they think they can hand American Labor that kind of a package and get by with it they may have some wondering to do in regard to what has hit them after the next election. No makeshift or slippery substitute will satisfy labor today. It must be the real thing.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

It is significant that labor all over the United States has awakened this early to the fact that they must act unitedly and intelligently in the coming primary elections if there is to be a change in the present complexion of our Congress as well as our State Legislature.

Labor leagues for political education are being formed everywhere. In California we have such leagues developing both on a state basis and locally. The purpose of all these leagues is to get candidates in the field who are known and can be trusted with carrying out political programs in which labor is particularly interested.

In every one of our 23 Congressional districts in California we must make sure that the right kind of candidates are in the field and ready to make the race, first to secure nomination, then election. The same applies to every Assembly district and state senatorial district in which lawmakers of this state are to be nominated and later elected in 1950.

After such selections are made the most important part of the coming elections looms before us. That is to secure, the election of the candidates we have nominated. To elect anybody we must really pull together. That is what labor must learn to do.

WHAT UNIONS MUST LEARN

Just as the strength of a chain is determined by its weakest link so the strength of any union cannot be much greater than its weaker members make possible.

When is a member of organized labor weak and how can such a weakling become stronger and more effective than he now is?

The weakest union man is that member who never attends a union meeting. He is almost as poor a union man as the one who never pays his dues till he has to. No man, who has not learned to pay his dues before some union representative has to hunt him up to collect them from him, can claim he knows the first principle of unionism.

Even if a man's dues are paid right up to date that does not release nor excuse any union member from attending his union meetings. The real life of a union comes to the surface when the largest percentage of members are present at both regular and special meetings. It is there decisions are made. It is at the union meeting that moves for betterment are started. Practically every good that ever was accomplished by organized labor originated in some union meeting or was ratified by it. Until a member of organized labor learns that his first and greatest duty is to attend the meetings of his union he has not gotten started yet.

ROAD TO PEACE

People representing those of our Allied Nations that were supposed to have won the second world war that came to an end in 1945 seem to be having the time of their lives to find the road to peace. An overwhelming percentage of the people of every country involved in that war want peace above all things else. Especially do those countries want peace whose people tasted the bitter ravages of the last war. Yet our representatives are floundering about as if they were on the verge of starting another war, although they all profess they want peace. If they really want peace they ought to be able to find some of the various roads that lead that way.

Democracy lives and exists to the extent that it is put into operation.

STATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM'S EFFICIENCY PRAISED BY 'MONITOR'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article praising the efficiency of the State's methods of training workers was written by a writer for the Christian Science Monitor, after he witnessed the mass graduation of nearly 900 apprentices in Oakland recently. The article is reprinted at request of numerous union officials and others because of the message carried.)

By KIMMIS HENDRICK
Once more Oakland has turned the spotlight on "the dignity and essentiality of skilled craftsmanship."

That fine, meaningful phrase was used on the occasion of the second mass graduation of apprentices sponsored by the area's committee representing labor and management. The place was Oakland Auditorium, all decked out for the gala occasion.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin came out from Washington to be the main speaker. Governor Earl Warren introduced him. There were other speakers. But center of most attention were the 876 graduates themselves.

One of them was a woman. She thereupon became a journeyman automotive parts technician, entitled to carry a California trade certificate in proof that she had completed her apprenticeship.

Biggest feature of all, emphasized by Secretary Tobin and everybody else, was that in this highly industrialized community, labor and management have cooperated magnificently to make possible the training of skilled craftsmen.

And of course it was a light that could not be hid under a bushel that figures show California's apprenticeship training way ahead on the national front.

Some 30 states have agencies similar to the one which provides for it here. But, as John F. Shelley pointed out, latest statistics from the Department of Labor indicate that "California has more apprentices than any other single state in the Union."

Mr. Shelley, president of the California State Federation of Labor, recalled his authorship of the Shelley-Malone Apprenticeship Act of 1939. It followed the pattern of the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937. The California law, Mr. Shelley said, laid the foundation for a program under which the State now has 56 supervisors helping unions and employers reach agreements for carrying on apprenticeship training.

This program's great meaning for America, Mr. Shelley told the Oakland graduates, is the dignity it gives skilled labor.

Here were hundreds of young persons graduating from indentured training with all the ceremony traditionally attending intellectual achievement. Mr. Shelley saw poetic justice in it. He reminded the audience that the white-collar worker cannot always claim tangible results for his efforts. Sometimes, he said slyly, white-collar efforts seem to add up mostly to red tape.

Here is another thing for the apprenticeship training program, he said: It brings labor and management together. In California the program is administered jointly by unions and employers. They work out courses of instruction together, with the State's Division of Apprenticeship standards as reference.

George C. Looz, vice-president and general manager of Stolte, Inc., an Oakland general construction firm, told the graduates that this city wanted to make the oc-

casion "an unforgettable event" for them. Neither unions nor employers are satisfied, he said, that they have done all they can do to make cooperation in apprenticeship training the powerful influence for good it can become.

Secretary Tobin spoke of the great influence for good of the nationwide labor-management apprenticeship program, calling the California program outstanding. World War II, he pointed out, showed unmistakably America's dependence on skilled craftsmanship.

Today, he indicated, what is happening in Oakland is a token of the contribution American labor-management teamwork can make to the raising of living standards all over the world.

The Secretary of Labor spoke particularly of his department's beginnings at helping foreign nationals, with the assistance of United States industry, to learn American technical know-how.

"Many foreign nationals," he said, "are anxious to come to the United States to learn some particular skill or to improve their technical knowledge through actual work experience. They want to come at their own expense, or their employers or their governments might send them."

Private groups are doing good work, he said, to encourage this. But nowhere near the attention has been given to the exchange of college students.

It should be, Secretary Tobin urged. Workers trained in American industry would take home with them not only skill. They would take home a true picture of the American way of life.

Offer \$225,800 Rewards In Reuther Shootings

Detroit—Rewards totaling \$225,800 are now awaiting any persons who can supply information leading to the conviction of the assailants of President Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers and his brother Victor, UAW education director.

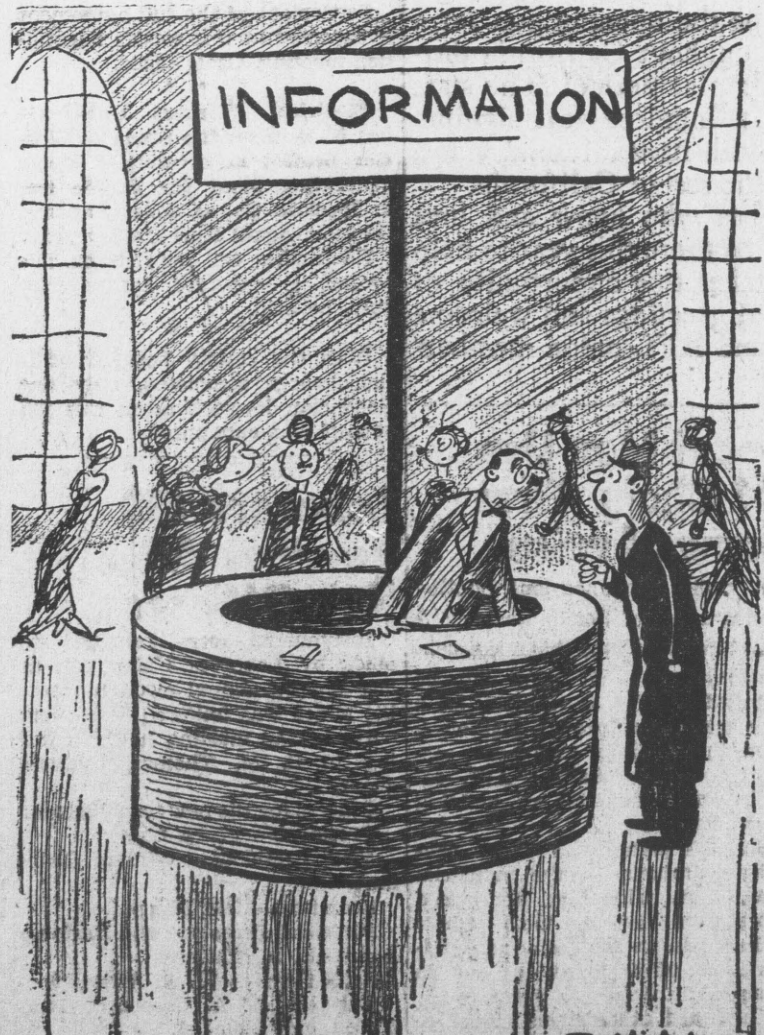
The new high reward total was reached here June 6 when the UAW Executive Board doubled the \$100,000 reward it previously had announced in the attempted shotgun slaying of Walter Reuther on April 20, 1948. The additional \$100,000 was posted because of a similar shotgun attempt on the life of Victor Reuther May 24, this year. Rewards offered by other agencies and individuals account for the balance of the \$225,800.

In addition, the UAW board offered \$5,000 for information merely leading to the detention of any person for trial on a charge of complicity as principal or accessory in either shooting. The board stipulated that any information must be given first to the union, "which in turn shall forward it to the proper law enforcement agencies."

Security for Dutch Farm Workers

Washington — The Dutch are putting a partial version of a farm workers' pension plan into effect. Ultimately, according to Dutch information here, the Dutch government plans to provide 200,000 farm workers with the equivalent of about \$52 a month after age 65.

When you ask the blessing don't forget to include thanks for the Union Label.



INFORMATION PLEASE!—"What time do you expect repeal of Taft-Hartley?"

GRIN or GROAN

A principal of a large public school handed us this excuse received by one of her teachers.
Dear Teacher — Annie couldn't come today because she hasn't been. I've give her something to make her go and when she has went she will come.

Traffic sign in Pennsylvania village: "Slow. No hospital."

You should love your neighbor, but always remember it is impossible to love him as much as he loves himself.

If Nature were smart a man would be as sleepy when it was time to go to bed as he generally is when it is time to get up.

The young couple were entertaining friends in their new prefabricated home, when suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened. "Surely," she exclaimed, "you are not troubled with mice already!"

"That's not mice," said the host. "It's the people next door eating celery."

He—"I am a self made man."
She—"Well, you're certainly big about it. Lots of men would blame somebody else."

Judge—"Did you have complete control of the car at the time of the accident?"
Man—"No, sir. My wife was in the back seat."

"The worst crop failure I ever saw," said the old timer, "was back in '98. The corn crop that year was almost nothing. One day mother cooked some for dinner and father ate fourteen acres at one sitting."

Safety Hint: Men who drive with one hand are headed for the church. Some will walk down the aisle—others will be carried.

A young friend newly married asked advice on how to address his wife's mother. I referred him to the experience of my friends out in National City, Johnnie and Lucille. For the first year Johnnie addressed his wife's ma as 'Say.' After that he simply called her "Grandma."

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it would be to look at when you are all grown up, and say: 'There's Rose; she's married; or 'That's Billy; he's a sailor'."

A small voice at the back of the room piped up: "And there's teacher; she's dead."

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree, discussing things as they used to be.

Said one to the others; now listen, you two, There's a certain rumor that can't be true.

That man descended from our noble race; The very idea—it's a dire disgrace.

No monkey ever deserted his wife, Starved the baby and ruined her life.

And you've never known a mother monk Who'd leave her babies with others to bunk,

Or pass them on from one to another 'Til they scarcely know who is their mother.

And another thing: you'll never see A monk build a fence around a coconut tree.

Here's another thing a monk won't do— Go out at night and get on a stew,

And use a gun, or club and knife To take some other monkey's life.

Yes; man descended—the ornery cuss, But brother, he didn't descend from us.

Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

"Aren't you the same man I gave a piece of mince pie to last month?"
"No mum, I'm not; and wot's more, the doctor says I never will be."

Friend of Labor Honored

New York (LPA)—Prof. William Haber of the University of Michigan was chosen from a list of more than 100 distinguished Americans to receive the first annual award for human rehabilitation of the American Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training. ILGWU President David Dubinsky made the presentation. As a liberal economist and long-time friend of labor, Prof. Haber has championed liberal labor legislation for many years and is an expert in the field of labor management relations.

Tea growing may become a new Australian industry. Australia now imports about 44,000,000 pounds of tea annually.



Anne G. Schreiner and Bertil L. Hanson receive congratulations from William L. McFetridge, president of the Building Service Employees International Union, for winning scholarship awards provided by the Chicago Flat Janitors Union, a BSEIU affiliate, and given annually to Children of union members.

Doctors, Dentists Putting Heat On Patients Over Health Ins.

The next time you go to see your doctor or dentist don't be surprised if, while he is diagnosing your ills, his voice quavers with emotion and he gets a far-away look in his eye as he swings into a tirade about the evils of President Truman's National Health Insurance plan.

Reports show many are "putting the heat on" their patients, who are forced to agree with their views.

When you open the envelope containing the bill he has mailed you, don't be surprised if out drops a neatly-printed booklet designed to kill your interest once and for all in National Health Insurance.

Both the speech your doctor makes to you and the booklet he slips in with the bill are part of the American Medical Association's skillful lobbying program to do a surgical job on President Truman's health plan now pending in Congress.

They are designed to convince you that National Health Insurance is socialized medicine — which it isn't — and that it's something you don't want — which you probably do.

The lobbying program is outlined in detail in the Dallas Medical Journal under the heading "What Will We Do with the Doctor's \$25?" The National Campaign Plan of Procedure. It is a prime example of how a nation-wide lobbying campaign can be run.

The AMA calls its lobbying a National Education Campaign and is trying to enlist every doctor in the country as an active "campaigner." To accomplish its aim, the AMA has prepared millions of pamphlets one of which it describes as a "small sparkplug of human-interest folder to satisfy the need among doctors for a simple piece that can be given to patients mailed with statements, or placed in waiting rooms."

The pamphlet is described as also being suited "for general use by allied professions and industries."

The AMA is also printing millions of "Question and Answer" pamphlets designed to serve as the doctor's own lobbying handbook, which he is supposed to keep always on hand along with his Materia Medica and other medical works.

This handbook, the AMA says, "should give every doctor not only the facts he needs to argue his case effectively, but also simple instructions on how to practice on the body politic."

It adds: "We plan heavy use of pamphlets, running into many millions of copies, to tell medicine's story dramatically and effectively to both leaders of public opinion and rank and file citizens throughout the country."

"Above all, the written material in this campaign must be emotional fighting prose. We can't win an audience with dry, statistical copy. We have to give the people facts, but in very readable form. The surest way to break down apathy and public disinterest is to turn out copy that stirs the emotions—and in doing so, opens closed minds."

To help create the proper emotional atmosphere, the AMA is having millions of color reproductions made of the famous picture entitled "The Doctor," painted years ago by the English artist, Sir Luke Fildes.

But this is only a small part of the AMA's high-pressure campaign to defeat the Truman Fair Deal Health Insurance program. The medicals are prepared to go to work on their congressmen and senators as well.

Here's what the AMA has to say on that point:

"The combined political strength of all the doctors in a congressional district is impressive—and we need to put every Congressman on notice of the position taken by his doctor constituents."

"We need to locate the personal physician of every congressman and every U. S. Senator (the County Society secretary probably should take part on that job) and have him send a personal letter to his patient, the congressman, telling him of the danger of socialized medicine, and asking for his help in defeating any compulsory health insurance program which may be submitted. We will provide form letters, but the Society secretary

HERE ARE BEST BUYS

Despite additional price reductions on clothing and household goods, the cost of living is expected to continue at its present near-record level. The reason: Food costs are staying high and rents are creeping upward.

However, shoppers are advised to compare prices extensively before making any major purchases. Some manufacturers and stores are reducing prices faster than others. Not all stores are cutting prices on the same items—it may be that the store having the lowest prices on refrigerators does not offer the best bargains in clothing and apparel.

New price reductions on textiles, ordered by the manufacturers of cotton, rayons and woolsens in the past few weeks, won't affect clothing prices until fall. At that time, prices you pay in stores for clothes should be at a new disinflation low.

These are expected to be final price cuts for the time being. Jilicious buyers will plan ahead to fill in clothing needs at that time.

Watch for fall price reductions in rayon, cotton and wool apparel.

In men's summer suits, the recently-developed rayon tropicals are currently underselling the traditional worsted tropicals by \$10. These rayon tropical suits are satisfactory if they are treated for crease resistance. Check for a label indicating crease resistance. If you are still doubtful, try crumpling a handful of the fabric to see if it quickly resumes shape.

Shoe prices remain firm. Wait until semi-annual sales in July for reductions for the entire family. And then, remember that the youngsters will probably grow so much over the summer that July-bought school shoes will pinch in September.

Manufacturers also are reducing prices on bedroom furniture 5 to 10 per cent. These cuts will appear in the form of lower prices in the August furniture sales.

Rug prices are also being reduced, with deepest cuts on Axminster grades and on 27-inch widths—which can be sealed to make room-size rugs. Such seamed rugs offer good savings over seamless broadloom, but the seaming must be done skillfully, preferably using seam-lock or a similar tape binding method, to be invisible. Watch annual August rug sales for these price cuts, too.

Asphalt tile floor coverings also are being reduced. They now are less expensive than better grades of linoleum, and more durable.

Wage earners supplying their own heat for homes can save by laying in next winter's fuel at current reduced summer prices. Coal and fuel oil are both lower in price during their "off-season."

Women are advised to watch for price wars on nylon hosiery during the summer, as buying is off and mills are fighting for sales. Standard gauge 30 denier are now 88c in some stores. It would be smart to stock up autumn hosiery now at summer prices.

Rayon piece goods for home dressmaking—for women's and children's clothes—are also being reduced. The best values in rayons are now broadcloth, sharkskin and jersey, retailing for as little as 79c a yard. Avoid crepes and satins. They are not only expensive, but satin is not durable and crepe invariably shrinks. Generally, for summer garments, buy acetate rayons rather than viscose, since acetate is more easily washable.

Many clothing items now are being introduced in nylon, but they are generally very high priced. Complaints are appearing that some lower-priced blouses and other garments claiming to be nylon really have some nylon and a large content of rayon. Nylon items are desirable for easy washability and for durability, but it is advisable to wait until prices come down from the high introductory levels. A nylon-and-acetate-rayon blend is satisfactory if honestly labeled and sold at a reasonable price—for example, the nylon-and-acetate blouses sold for under \$3 at some stores.

86,000 Homes Started in April

Washington, D. C. — American builders started 86,000 new permanent non-farm dwelling units in April—a 39-percent increase over March, but 14 percent under April 1948 starts, when homebuilding was approaching the highest monthly rate on record. Preliminary Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates show 244,000 new dwellings put under construction during the first 4 months of 1949, 13 percent under the same period of 1948.

Complete reports of housing starts for 1948 have boosted the annual total to 931,300 units. This marks a 23-year record in housing activity, and is only 3,700 units under the historic 937,000-unit peak in 1925.

Expenditures for all new construction accomplished during April 1949 increased seasonally to 1368 million dollars, but for the first time since February 1945, showed no gain when compared with the same month in the previous year.

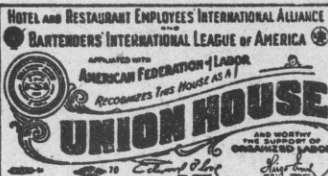


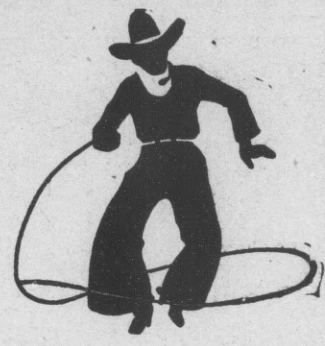
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N. Y. State Jobless Pay
To Go To Over 500,000

New York—Applications for state unemployment insurance benefits will pass the half-million mark this month, Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi reports. In the 12 months beginning June 6, unemployment insurance benefits are to be based on 1948 earnings. Corsi said he expects a "considerable proportion" of the 125,000 workers who had used up their benefit rights in the benefit year just ended to file new claims.

standards of wages and conditions which the non-union employer must meet if he wishes to employ capable workers. We have many examples of this school of thought right here amongst us. They should, and they can be, consolidated into our union for the greater strength and protection of all. They can be brought into our local... but only if each among us will lend a helping hand in showing them the strength and harmony we have to offer. There are many pitfalls along the way.

It is the abiding conviction of your secretary that our union is now at a crossroad. The direction we take in the few weeks to come will determine, to a very large extent, the future strength and effectiveness of this organization; the future welfare and security of workers under the jurisdiction of Local 483, in this Monterey Peninsula. There are forces at work constantly which seek to destroy or hamper the strength of your union. There are employers, for example, whose avowed purpose is to reduce this organization to a shambles—because they have learned that enforcement of contracts can cost them money. They have been discouraged from their time-honored practice of working employees overtime and "neglecting" to pay them for such work. They have come to realize that when employees work on the seventh day, they are entitled to time and one-half pay for such work. They dislike vacation pay and the extra payment for work performed on a very few holidays. They have no desire to adhere to fair and equitable standards in this industry; they prefer to destroy the agency which correlates these standards in order that they may enhance their profits—at the expense of their workers. Not all "chiseling" employers have been brought to task as yet, however. There are still many who realize extra profits at the expense of their employees. And that brings us to the saddest part of the story. The part which forces us to admit that such chiseling tactics means an unspoken, unwritten agreement must exist between the employer and the worker who is being victimized. For it still takes two to make a bargain, whether it be good or bad. The employee who accepts wages less than the union scale, works overtime without being paid for it, hesitates to press for his vacation with pay, or agrees to any of several conditions which constitute contract violation, is the worker who harms his union the most of all. Perhaps some of these members have not come to place any confidence in the strength or effectiveness of their union. If that be the case, then they merely admit that they have no confidence or trust in themselves. For the union is just the worker, multiplied several hundred-fold. It is just a long chain, with the usual number of weak links.

While these expressions were only preliminary to Father Shell's address, which was titled **FREE- DOM AND PRODUCTION**, they seemed most appropriate to me, perhaps because they express so feelingly the outlook which many of us in the Service Industry have toward our patrons and our jobs. It is also reassuring to note that a Catholic Priest, occupying a high place in the hierarchy of his church, recognizes the relative importance of us humble men and women who serve the public. And recognition of our labors is often as important a part of our remuneration as the wages we receive or the food we eat. Such recognition brings to us the nature of our responsibilities, and reminds us to treat them with the seriousness which they deserve.

Our executive board, at the last regular meeting, authorized our secretary to compile an Officers' Report on the activities of your local union during the past two years. This report is to include a complete financial breakdown of both our regular fund and our welfare fund, and is to be mailed to each member of the local. It is the feeling of the executive board that the submission of this report may serve to stimulate our membership to greater activity in improving and enlarging our union. There is room for improvement, in many fields!

Father Shell's remarks, set forth above, stress the responsibility which we in the service industry have toward our patrons. Generally speaking, this responsibility is being lived up to by the great majority of our membership. However, there are other responsibilities which we share also. Responsibilities to our employers have been dwelt upon in this column previously. Most of us do at least what is expected of us, and many go further and do more than is required. The responsibilities of the employer to his workers have been touched on, rather lightly, in the past. They will be enlarged upon in the near future, because some amongst our employer group have consistently refused to recognize the fact that their employees are an important and integral part of their business, and, as such, are deserving of consideration.

The responsibility which comes before us now is that which each worker in this industry owes to his fellow worker, be he union or non-union. The best, and most inclusive method of displaying your acceptance of this responsibility is your active participation in the affairs of your local union. For only in this manner can you consolidate the gains made by the few and extend them to the many, even to the "free riders" who profit at our expense. I refer, of course, to those workers in this area who evade membership in our union because "my boss already pays me union wage scale or more." These workers cannot, or will not, bring themselves to realize that they enjoy such wages and conditions only because the union, through constant struggle has established minimum

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PRODUCE DRIVERS. As this goes to press, the membership is being called to a meeting to vote on a wage question submitted by the employers. This meeting will take place at the Moose Hall, 1214 Monterey Street, Salinas, on Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p. m. Negotiations have been going on for several months.

The regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 8 p. m. at the Moose Hall. Remember that you must attend one meeting quarterly or you will be subject to a \$2.50 fine. **JUNE IS THE LAST MONTH OF THE SECOND QUARTER.**

SHOOK DIVISION: All men working for the following shuck companies, California Pine Box, General Box, West Coast Box, Metzger Box, Growers Vegetable Supply and Western Box, are being called to a special meeting regarding wage negotiations for 1949; this meeting will be held at the union office, 274 E. Alisal Street, Salinas on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p. m. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

LUMBER DIVISION—MONTEREY: A meeting has been held with the lumber industry regarding wage contract for 1949—watch this column for further notice of negotiations.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: In a short time you will receive the International Magazine, called the International Teamster, for the month of June. On the back cover there will appear two stickers showing the Shop Card of your International Union. Please cut these stickers out and paste them on the windows of your automobile.

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Labor Units in 3 Nations Desert Pro-Soviet WFTU
Washington.—The Soviet-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions suffered another blow as labor organizations in three more nations voted to sever their ties with the pro-red international unit.

The Danish Federation of Trade Unions, the New Zealand Federation of Labor, and the General Federation of Labor in Israel decided that it was useless to attempt to live with the Communists in the WFTU. Their action, following that taken by the CIO and the British Trade Union Congress, served to vindicate the traditional policy of the AFL, which refused to affiliate with the WFTU when it was organized in 1945.

Arkansas Apprentice Wins Bricklaying Contest

Washington.—At the Union Industries Show, held recently in Cleveland, the winners of the nationwide apprentice bricklaying contest conducted by the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America were: first, Charles G. Adams, of Arkansas; second, William H. Klein, of Tennessee; third, Frank Wieland, of Maryland; and fourth, William J. Watts, Jr., of Pennsylvania. The national competition was the first ever held. Five thousand young aspirants from every state in the union were entered in the contest and it attracted national interest and publicity.

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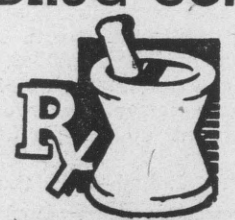
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Act Against Bldg. Material Dealers

Washington.—An anti-trust suit was filed against 14 Cleveland building material dealers, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark announced May 31.

The dealers were accused of illegal price fixing. They were said to have agreed to use one price list circulated by one man, Harry A. DuBroy. Materials covered included practically everything needed for home building except lumber.

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Ball Suppressed Report Praising A.F. of L. Unions

Washington.—A group of AFL unionists representing workers on projects of the Tennessee Valley Authority won long overdue praise here with the release of a report prepared by Congress' Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations.

Suppressed by former Senator Joseph H. Ball while he was chairman of the committee during sessions of the 80th Congress, the report was finally released to the public by the present committee chairman, Senator James E. Murray of Montana.

The comments of Mr. Murray in a foreword to the report give an adequate explanation of why the labor-baiting ex-Senator Ball refused to order its publication. Senator Murray declared that through the excellent working relationship in existence between the AFL unions and the TVA officials, TVA's labor history has been one in which "harmony has been the rule rather than the exception."

The 63-page document, like similar studies published by the National Planning Association on the causes of industrial peace, gives the lie to former Senator Ball and those who over-emphasize the conflict in labor-management relations, and then proved to place the entire blame for such conflict on the shoulders of the trade movement.

A. F. Whitney Signs Taft-Hartley Affidavit

Cleveland.—After holding out for almost two years, President A. F. Whitney and other officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) signed Taft-Hartley anti-Communist affidavits. Whitney said his union had decided to comply to qualify for NLRB bargaining elections. He said bus drivers belonging to the BRT were being raided by unions which had complied with the affidavit provision.

Speaking of the "Wealth of Nations," can there be anything more valuable than union-made products?

First Quarter Shows Corp. Profits Up Another 7%

The daily newspapers have printed a lot about labor's four rounds of wage increases. Labor statisticians have dug into the facts to see how the four rounds of corporation profits compare with the wage increases since the war ended in 1945. Here are the results:

Returns on the fourth round profit increases are tentative, of course. Corporation financial reports for the first three months of the year show that business profits are running about 7.2 per cent above the all-time record profits of 1948, according to the Wall Street Journal, a conservative newspaper. The record increases in corporation profits for 1946, 1947 and 1948 were furnished by the Federal Reserve Board.

How much labor will get in fourth round wage increases is not yet clear. That will depend on the outcome of union negotiations now in progress. The record on increases in average weekly earnings was supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average weekly earnings for the year shows, better than hourly wage rates, what the average workingman's family has fared since the war. It is the hourly wage rates, not these weekly earnings, that are usually reported in the daily newspapers. Here is the record of four rounds of profit and wage increases:

First Round—Corporation profits after taxes went up 43 per cent from 8.3 billion in 1945 to 12.8 billion dollars in 1946.

The average weekly earnings of men and women who work for a living in private, non-agricultural industries increased 4 per cent, from \$44.86 in 1945 to \$46.93 in 1946.

Second Round—Corporation profits after taxes increased 40 per cent, from 12.8 billion dollars in 1946 to 18 billion dollars in 1947. The average weekly earnings of men and women who work for wages went up 10 per cent to \$51.58.

Third Round—Corporation profits after taxes went up 15 per cent, from 18 billion dollars in 1947 to \$20.8 billion dollars in 1948.

The average weekly earnings of men and women who work for wages went up 7.7 per cent to \$55.55.

Fourth Round—For the first

three months of 1949, corporate profits after taxes went up 7.2 per cent over the same period of 1948. The average weekly earnings of men and women who work for wages went up 3.3 per cent to \$57.38.

On all of the first three rounds, I.A.M. members fared considerably better than the average reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for all wage earners.

Diego Bakers Get 9c An Hour Boost

San Diego.—The city's five largest wholesale bread bakeries settled a 17-day work stoppage after discovering how little dependent on them housewives were, after all.

Only one of the bakeries was struck by Local 315, Bakery & Confectionery Workers' International Union (AFL) in a dispute over wages and speedup. But the other four, claiming they were operating as an industrywide unit, shut their doors. The group boasted they baked 90% of the bread produced in San Diego and blamed the union for creating a bread shortage.

To the operators' amazement, no shortage occurred. The one remaining wholesale bakery, not a member of the San Diego Employers Assn., remained open and doubled its output. Many retail bakeries went on extra shifts. Bread was shipped across the border from a modern bakery in Tijuana, Mexico.

To top it off, many bakers idled by the combination strike and lock-out were hired by the shops which accelerated their production to reap a bonanza at the expense of the big plants.

Faced with a growing loss of their market through consumer acceptance of other breads, the bakeries hadn't known before, the bakeries granted a 9c hourly increase after first offering 4c, then upping it to 5c and 7c in subsequent federal conciliation sessions.

The union had throughout the stoppage said it would be willing to settle for 10c to 12c raises. New pay scale for the most common classification, oven feeders and bench hands, is \$70.40 for a 40-hour week.

Weekly Earnings In N.Y. Skid

Albany, N.Y.—Average weekly earnings of factory production workers in New York State fell to \$56.42 during April, a dip of \$2.27 below March's average, according to State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi.

The wage decrease was accompanied by a decline of 1.1 hours in the average work-week. New York City, where the average weekly earnings of \$58.96 were \$4.12 lower than the previous month, experienced the greatest reductions. Corsi attributed this to a seasonal decline in the garment industry and a strike in the brewery industry. Elmira was the only upstate city to report increased earnings.

Despite the desperate housing shortage, residential building the first quarter of 1949 was 12% under the similar period in 1948.

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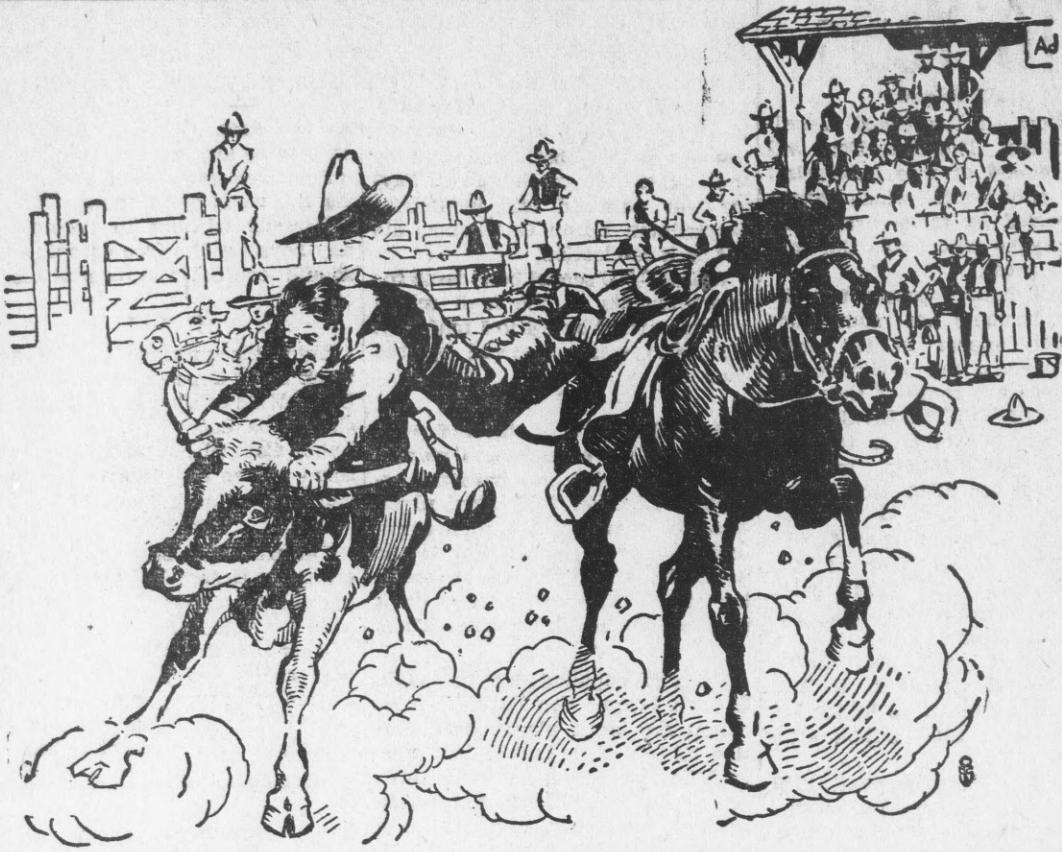
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IBEW Saves Friendly Paper From Attack

Flora, Ill. — The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) has come to the rescue of Charles A. Crowder, publisher of the Flora Sentinel, with a \$12,500 loan to save his paper from shutdown by a group of anti-labor businessmen.

The Sentinel, a small semi-weekly, has aroused the enmity of local employers and the southern Illinois oil industry generally because it has printed strike news and editorial comment favorable to labor's objectives since Crowder bought it in 1945.

Pressure was turned on with increasing force when Crowder sided with employees of Flora's municipal power plant who struck against the city's refusal to recognize their union, the IBEW, as bargaining agent.

Some local merchants withdrew their advertising and threatened a boycott. Other local merchants stuck by the paper, however. All unions in the area organized subscription campaigns to raise the paper's circulation, and the boycott failed.

Next thing that happened to Crowder was the sudden purchase of his mortgage, in which he was \$800 in arrears to the White County Bank. Suit for judgment was begun immediately by one E. D. Given, as trustee for unknown buyers.

In Circuit Court, Judge James G. Burnside compelled Given to reveal for whom he was acting. The names of H. G. Henson, Flora manager for an oil-producing company; Fred Chaney, a Flora cleaner; H. W. Eaton, owner of a Flora auto parts store, and Walter Apple, a drill bit sharpener, were then added as plaintiffs in the judgment suit.

"I was at the end of my rope," Crowder told a reporter for the AFL Weekly News Service. "The sheriff had demanded the machinery in my plant under replevin proceedings. I had to raise \$12,500 or get out."

It was then he received a telegram from D. W. Tracy, international president of the IBEW, offering the loan. Full security for the money was required, but Tracy said the union considered it a straight business transaction and would not use its financial interest to influence the editorial policy of the paper.

Crowder accepted immediately, with a great sense of relief. "I am happy to know the people of the United States, and especially the Electrical Workers Union, realize the full value to our democracy of a free press," the publisher commented.

Steel Profits Up

New York — Profits of the 11 top steel producers were 62% higher in the first quarter of 1949 than in the similar 1948 period, a New York Times survey showed June 5. Profits of 300 firms surveyed showed an overall 9% rise.

Total earnings of the 11 steel firms in the first three months this year stood at \$159,592,665, compared to \$98,283,371 last year. Next highest profit increase was shown by 10 auto companies, which reported a 39% profit gain. Chemical companies also did well, with 18 companies scoring a 22% profit increase.

The oil industry showed a profit decline of 15% from 1948 first quarter profits, when all records were smashed. The combined net profits of 18 oil firms this year were \$194,425,630, compared to \$228,933,057 in the 1948 quarter. Biggest decline was reported by the textile industry, with six companies showing a 41% drop in the quarterly profit comparisons. Profits of the textile firms were \$12,360,586 in the 1949 quarter, as against \$20,849,613 last year.

Hosiery Workers Union Seeks to Rejoin AFL

Milwaukee — Delegates attending the convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers here voted unanimously to seek reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

The hosiery workers' union which has about 50,000 members, left the AFL 14 years ago at the time its parent, the Textile Workers Union of America, walked out with the group which subsequently formed the CIO. The hosiery union was suspended recently by the CIO when it refused to go along on certain per capita tax payments.

Rita & Aly Riches Come From The Poverty of India & Asia

The Communist mayor of a French town officiates at the wedding of Rita Hayworth, fabulous Hollywood movie princess, and Prince Aly Khan, heir to wealth "beyond the dreams of avarice."

Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, declares that Uncle Sam disappointed the billion people of Asia after the war, and they now look upon him as "one of the protectors and preservers of the colonial system."

All the world watched the fantastic wedding, while few noticed Romulo's speech to a Chicago audience. At first glance, there seems to be no connection between the two events, but there is a link between them.

Back around the turn of the century, Rudyard Kipling was writing romantically about the "white man's burden," which was a fancy name for misrule and robbery of Asian colonies by European nations.

The wealthy rulers of England and the European continent, who had always plundered their people at home, joined forces with the potentates of Asia, to loot its billion people. The result was enormous riches in the hands of a few, in the midst of indescribable poverty, ignorance and oppression.

Uncle Sam took comparatively little part in this. He had one "colony"—the Philippines—but he treated the Filipinos well and ultimately gave them their freedom. So the people of Asia considered America their friend.

But what has all that to do with Rita Hayworth, Aly Khan and Romulo?

Here is the link: A long time ago, a man named Hasan Ben Sabah popped up in Persia and announced to the Mohammedans of that country that he was "the real McCoy"—a direct descendant of the Prophet. He made himself a nuisance to the Persian rulers of the Moslem faith, and they kicked him out.

Britain was having trouble with a Moslem ruler in India, who did not appreciate the "white man's burden." So the British took Sabah to India and set him up in the Mohammedan business. In return, Sabah pledged allegiance to British Queen Victoria, who ruled in the times celebrated by Kipling.

With England's help, Sabah won converts to his new "Islamic" Mohammedan sect, and prospered mightily. Now his grandson, Aga Khan, father of Prince Aly, counts 12 million faithful followers in India and other countries of Asia and the Middle East.

From these followers, and from "shrewd investments" in England, Europe and the United States, Aga Khan has drawn a fabulous fortune estimated at \$2½ billion—not millions, billions.

His son Aly, who married Rita, has not yet come into the full fortune, but already owns a palace in India, 11 mansions in England and Europe, a flock of expensive race horses, and other possessions too numerous to count. As just one of his wedding presents to Rita, he gave her a \$250,000 yacht.

Now 38 years of age, Aly has squandered fortunes on numberless women, but "there's plenty more where it came from"—the poverty-stricken people of India and other Asian countries, and the Americans and Europeans who pay the profit on his "investments."

So there we have—in one princely potentate—the embodiment of the "white man's burden" system, which exploits the common people of white as well as colored countries.

In France, a Communist mayor, probably "laughing up his sleeve," performs the wedding ceremony. In Asia, the old order is passing out and Communism is sticking its ugly nose into the picture. As

Only 1-72nd of Budget, Cost Of Fair Deal

(LIFE Release)

How much will President Truman's Fair Deal cost?

Opponents of the program say it is a billion-dollar scheme, that it will bankrupt the United States. But the facts—those important things conservatives always overlook—show that the Fair Deal will cost about \$600 million in the fiscal year.

That \$600 million represents 1 dollar out of 72 of next year's \$43 billion budget.

These facts reveal the real motives of the "economizers" in the Senate and House. They are using the economy argument to prevent enactment of legislation that will help working men and women.

Here is a breakdown of Fair Deal costs:

The Federal-aid-to-education bill, which will provide better schools for the whole nation, will cost \$290 million.

The slum clearance and public housing program will get under way with a first-year appropriation of \$200 million. Miscellaneous proposals, such as funds for better public health facilities in schools and protections against inflation or deflation, call for \$100 million.

The expanded social security program and national health insurance have no effect on the budget as they are financed by payroll tax deductions.

Liberals believe that at least 1-72nd of the budget should be invested in better schools, good housing and adequate medical care. Such an investment doesn't appear unreasonable.

N. J. State Federation Backs Housing Plan

Newark, N. J. — The New Jersey State Federation of Labor has announced support of Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll's \$100,000,000 housing program.

Vincent J. Murphy, secretary-treasurer of the AFL group, in announcing the support, said "the governor should be highly commended for his insistence upon legislation to provide housing and slum clearance in the various municipalities of our state."



A GOOD EXAMPLE?

Romulo said:

"Ruined by the war, betrayed after the victory, disillusioned by its friends, menaced by new enemies, Asia has emerged from her travails as the most dynamic region in the world today."

"There was a fateful moment after the war when America could have made all of Asia safe for freedom and democracy. That promise was never fulfilled, except in the Philippines."

"Elsewhere, America returned as a liberator and remained—in Asian eyes—as one of the protectors and preservers of the colonial system."

Romulo's statement may be a trifle extreme, but it should cause Americans to sit up and think. Where are we drifting?—Labor.

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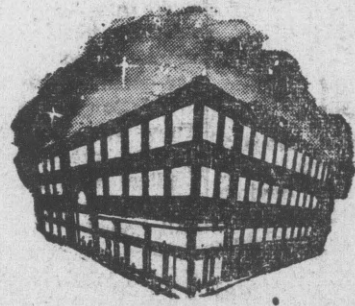
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On Site Labor Is Minor Item In House Cost

A recent survey by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has shown that only 30.7 per cent of the total construction cost of a \$10,000 house is chargeable to "on site" labor. The same survey has shown that the proportion of costs chargeable to on-site labor in 1946-47 was approximately the same as in 1931-32.

The study completely refutes the argument of those who say the present housing slump is the result of high wages. It completely substantiates estimates made by labor groups which place on-site labor costs variously at 16 to 20 per cent of total housing cost to the consumer.

The big factor missing in the U. S. Bureau's survey is the exorbitant cost of home financing. The vast majority of home buyers purchase their homes on credit. Even under the favored conditions of an FHA loan, interest eventually paid by the buyer adds 60 per cent to the purchase price of a home. With this 60 per cent added, on-site labor costs amount to only 18 per cent of the total paid by the home buyer.

These figures show that no answer to the housing problem is to be found in the wage-cutting and speed-up of building trades mechanics.

The solution lies rather in cutting out extortionate real estate and banking profits through direct federal financing.

At the same time, labor would do well to analyze the effect of present inflated profits on the market for homes. Last year, manufacturing firms employing some 25,000,000 workers made a profit equal to \$1,340 for each worker employed. These concerns could have given \$840 of this amount to every worker either as a wage increase or through reduced prices and still have made profits double those of 1939.

This \$840, which amounts to \$70 per month when added to the rent paid by these 25 million workers, would have provided ample purchasing power to buy homes even at the present inflated rates.

Labor would likewise do well to consider the effect of our high military budget on the home building slump. A fraction of the amount now spent on military programs would suffice to stimulate the construction of millions of homes. However, the Administration and Congress have placed military expenditures at the top of the list. Now that government finances have been strained to meet these outlays, we hear the old cry of "economy" which means that we can't have houses and guns at the same time.

Boss Responsible For Workers' Health

Washington.—A railroad is as responsible for ruining a worker's health over a long period of time as it is for injury by a sudden accident, the U. S. Supreme Court said May 31 in a unanimous opinion written by Justice Wiley Rutledge.

The ruling reinstated a lower court ruling giving Fireman Wm. T. Urie of the Missouri Pacific Railroad a \$30,000 disability award for silicosis contracted over a period of 30 years service. The Missouri Supreme Court had thrown out the award on technical grounds.

Under the Rutledge ruling, Urie had grounds for action under both the federal Boiler Inspection Act and the Federal Employers' Liability Act. Mainly responsible for his condition was a sander, the apparatus which stores sand and pipes it to the rails to provide traction.

Rutledge, saying nothing in legislative history of the railroad legislation shows an intention to exclude silicosis from coverage, added: "When the employer's negligence impairs or destroys an employee's health by requiring him to work under conditions likely to bring about such harmful consequences, the injury to the employee is just as great when it follows, often inevitably, from a carrier's negligent course pursued over an extended period of time as when it comes with the suddenness of lightning."

"Silicosis is as much 'injury' leading in time as certainly to permanent disability, as scalding from a boiler's explosion."

L. A. Carmen Get 4c Pay Increase

Los Angeles.—By a vote of better than 5 to 1, AFL street car and bus drivers here balloted against a strike and in favor of accepting a 4c hourly wage raise offered by the Los Angeles Transit Lines. Voting were more than 3000 members of Local 1277, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees. The increase upped members' hourly pay scale to \$1.47 and left it subject to another 1c raise if the federal cost-of-living index goes up.



Public Works Needed to Combat Unemployment

Washington.—Though there has been no official announcement from the White House, federal agencies are putting pressure on Congress to face up to the need for public works planning as a means of combatting possible sharp increases in unemployment.

It was learned May 31 that Public Works Administrator Philip B. Fleming has urged the Senate Public Works Committee to step up action on a bill to authorize again the expenditure of federal funds for aiding states in mapping out projects. The committee, which conducted lengthy hearings on the matter last year, has agreed to start hearings in the near future.

At the same time the staff of Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) was at work on a bill which would authorize the appropriation of much greater sums on the actual construction of projects. This measure, which goes considerably beyond anything contemplated since prewar days, would set up a number of projects which could be started immediately should the situation become critical.

"MORE IMPORTANT THINGS" However, Senator Theodore F. Green (D., R.I.), co-sponsor with Pepper of the bill to authorize planning expenditures and a member of the Democratic Steering Committee, predicted that no action on the floor will be taken in the near future.

"Plans for public works are very important," he said, "but there are more important things before the Senate. After all, the public works program would be to meet an unemployment emergency, and the emergency hasn't come yet."

Meanwhile, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, who handles much of the White House liaison work with Congress, admitted frankly in a radio interview that one of the chief elements of his new farm program is its value in combatting a depression.

The Brannan farm program, which has received something of a cold shoulder in Congress so far, contemplates the expenditure of the same sums now spent on purchasing farm surpluses. Instead of removing the so-called "surpluses" from the market, as the present system does, the Brannan plan would let prices paid by the consumer find their normal level through the law of supply and demand. The farmer would be paid an extra bonus for production, but prices to the consumer would fall.

THE FARM PROGRAM Brannan declared, for example, that prices on pork could fall from 15 to 20 per cent under his plan while the producer would receive the same income.

"The plan is designed to meet a depression," he was asked. "Sure," the secretary replied. Both houses of Congress have passed bills authorizing expenditure of \$40 million on federal

buildings and this, it is estimated, would call for eventual construction totaling from \$400 to \$500 million. Federal Works Agency experts say this would be only a drop in the bucket should a pronounced depression hit the construction industry.

NEED SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS Agency experts expect all types of construction this year to total \$18,250,000,000. Of this, \$13 billion is private construction. That is nearly 1 1/4 billion less than last year. As has often happened in times of recession, the experts say, this reduction might be suddenly increased. Should private construction be only half what is expected, the government programs so far contemplated would take care of only 10 per cent of the gap.

Fleming said all government projects contemplated at present total only \$4.5 billion. "The nation," he said, "could spend twice that sum on schools alone, or on sewers and waterworks, without fully meeting our needs. It would take \$8 1/2 billion to build the hospitals we need."

Summer Demands Create New "Jobs" Washington.—Such summer jobs as "work in resort hotels, acting as lifeguard at the beach and selling balloons on the street," were advanced by Commissioner of Labor Statistics Ewan Clague May 26 as stiffeners in a weakening employment picture.

This perks up the Census Bureau employment picture in summer months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics chief said in discussing the gloomy job prospect facing this year's 300,000 college graduates. Although BLS figures show employment going down in manufacturing, he said self-employment and summer jobs will absorb many of this year's diploma-holders.

In the past two years, he said, the Census Bureau has recorded an average increase of 2.9 million persons in the labor market between May and July, all but a half million of whom got some sort of work.

Because the wartime shortage in many professions is largely filled, Clague's statement suggested students prepare to settle for less than they had hoped for in the postwar world, and change their courses accordingly. Fields now overcrowded, he said, are engineering, law, accounting, business administration and journalism. Engineering graduates might try technical sales jobs, he suggested.

Those jobs requiring college or special school training where there are openings are noted for low pay in relation to the cost of education. They were listed as: teaching, nursing, medicine, dentistry and medical service occupations.

Asked to comment on the much-ballyhooed drive for productivity in view of factory layoffs and a glutted job market, Clague said increasing productivity was mainly the objective of the employer "who works vigorously at cost-cutting."

From Loss to Huge Profits In 16 Years

(LLPE Release)

The New Deal wrecked American business! The Fair Deal will mean the end of free enterprise! These statements—which cannot be supported by facts—are familiar to anyone who reads the conservative press.

But the figures concerning the progress business has made since 1932 rarely appear in the daily newspapers and the weekly magazines. Here are some of them:

\$23 BILLION DIFFERENCE Corporate profits after taxes in 1948 were \$19.7 billion. In 1932, corporate losses after taxes were \$3.4 billion.

The highest profit year in history before World War II was 1929. In that year, profits were \$9.8 billion before taxes and \$8.4 billion after taxes.

The highest profit year during World War II was 1944. In that year, profits were \$24.3 billion before taxes and \$10.8 billion after taxes.

In the first postwar year, 1945, profits leveled off slightly because of the shift from wartime to peacetime goods. Profits then were \$20.4 billion before taxes and \$8.7 billion after taxes.

STEADY POST WAR RISE

But in 1946, profits increased 34 per cent over 1945. In 1947, profits rose 47.8 per cent over 1946. And in 1948, profits went up 23 per cent over 1947.

In 1948, profits were about two and a-half times greater than in 1929.

Those facts show that business can prosper when the Federal Government sets out to better the welfare of the working men and women of America.

Pitt. Temes Get 7 1/2c Pay Raise

Pittsburgh.—Averting a threatened strike, AFL motor freight drivers voted June 5 to accept a 7 1/2c hourly wage increase and other concessions from the Western Pennsylvania Motor Carriers Assn. The same increase applies to all classifications of drivers.

About 1,700 of the 2,300 drivers involved cast ballots at a meeting in Memorial Hall, according to Pres. Thomas L. Fagan of Local 249, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The new contract, which usually sets a pattern for all trucker wage agreements here, will run to June 1, 1950.

Terms were agreed to by negotiating committees after four weeks of meetings, including an all-day session June 4. One of the fringe benefits granted provides a guarantee of eight hours work for helpers, on reporting, instead of the previous five-hour guarantee. Another new clause clarifies helpers' work rules.

Initial wage demands of the union included a 35c hourly pay increase for freight truck drivers and 50c for men on trailer trucks, which would have spread the current 5c differential to 20c.

At the same time, Fagan announced that over 800 members in the building and construction industry had voted June 5 to strike against three employer groups to enforce their wage demands. Contract negotiations had been deadlocked for several weeks, with the employers offering only to renew last year's contract while the union demanded a substantial increase.

Already on strike in the building industry here are the AFL bricklayers, although more than half their 800 members remain at work under a temporary agreement for a \$3-an-hour scale pending final negotiations. They have demanded a 50c increase to \$3.20 an hour.

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TIRE SAFETY — Proper automobile tire inflation is an important factor in safe driving, says the California State Automobile Association, because low or uneven tire pressure or unmatched tires on the front wheels may affect the steering of your car. Check your tire pressure regularly, and if in doubt, stop at the nearest service station for a re-check.

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

Success in last week's Salinas city council election and bond issue vote was reported by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas which had supported both victorious candidates for the council and had backed the bond issue also, according to Council Secretary W. G. Kenyon.

Elected were Homer C. Hayward, lumberman, and E. J. Raffetto, produce dealer, both endorsed by the council. Mayor George C. Taylor was defeated and incumbent Councilman Edson G. Thomas did not seek re-election.

A \$2,200,000 school bond issue for improvements to the high school system carried by a 4 to 1 majority. This also was supported by the council.

Annual election of officers for the Salinas labor council was started last week with nominations accepted. Election is Friday night, June 24, at which time final nominations may be made prior to the actual balloting. There is no meeting of the labor council this week because of the Rodeo celebration.

Records supplied by the AFL Labor's League for Political Education are being played over Station KSBW of Salinas at 9:15 p.m. each Saturday night. These records are of an educational nature, in form of interviews, and deal with Labor's place in the political world.

Boys are being selected now by the council's committee of George Harter, Al Every and Roy Hearn to be sent under council sponsorship to the Boys Summer Camp at

Plan Depression Prevention Moves

Washington.—Plans to draft a bill to cope with a depression were revealed May 26 by Senators John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.) and James E. Murray (D., Mont.)

Labor and government economists have been working with the senators on the bill. It is known that the plan calls for extensive public works in areas hardest hit by depression. In addition it is planned to offer federal aid to state and local public works and to make loans to private industry to finance plant expansion.

Sparkman estimated that the plan might involve expenditure of \$15 billion. It was noted that this is the same amount as the military appropriations called for in the budget submitted to the 81st Congress by President Truman.

Public works experts here have been clamoring for a broader program for several years. They say that it takes a year or more to start putting a public works program into operation.

Sparkman's statement followed by a few days the official Census Bureau report that unemployment in manufacturing increased in April for the seventh consecutive month.

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